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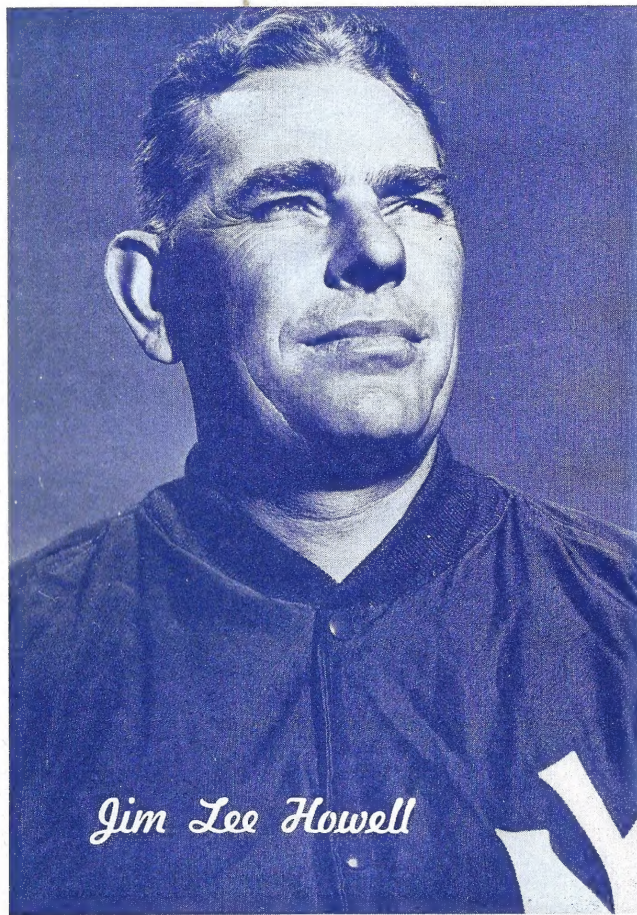
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New Coach—Old Giant

Jim Lee Howell is the first new head coach of the Giants in 23 years, but he is an old Giant in history, with an intimate knowledge of the National Football League since 1937. Including three years with the marines, Jim Lee is in his 18th season as a Giant, with a term as end coach following the close of his playing career in 1948.

The Giants selected Howell because they believe he has the combination of executive ability, technical knowledge, and prescience in player relations required in the modern coach. They also followed NFL practice of recent years in elevating an assistant to full command. With Howell, seven of the 12 NFL coaches are "risen from the ranks." Others are Buddy Parker, Hampson Pool, Jim Trimble, Weeb Ewbank, Joe Stydahar and Joe Kuharich.

Howell is a six-four Arkansan who always has stood above the crowd in more than size. He was president of the student council at Arkansas U., and captain of the basketball team which gained the Olympic finals in '36. He was an Arkansas state senator, became a landowner in his native town of Lonoke, and was a company commander as lieutenant in Pacific action from Saipan to Okinawa to Japan.

His football background goes back to "aerial circus" days in the Southwest, with Fred Thomsen's "passingest" team in the country. Of this team, forward passer Dwight Sloan and ends Jim Benton, Ray Hamilton and Howell became famous professionals.

"Thomsen liked to have the ball thrown anywhere on the field," Howell recalls. "It was spectacular, and it was exciting to play as well as watch. We now have transferred the laterals to the quarterback, with his pitchouts behind the line, but that is a development of our wide open style which had such influence in shaping today's game. I am still from Arkansas, and like to move that ball around."

Jim Lee was born Sept. 27, 1914 in Lonoke (pop. 2,000) and in boyhood ran a paper route and helped in his dad's ice plant. He has two brothers, Murray and Pat, and a sister, Marigene. He married last August. Howell gained a master's degree in educational administration at Arkansas and Columbia, and also studied law and agriculture.

Jim Lee came fast at basketball at Arkansas, as a protege of Glen Rose, a famous name in the school's athletic history. The team he led into the Olympic finals in Madison Square Garden had won the Southwest Conference title, and bowed in New York only to an older, heavier industrial team.

At football, Howell was a regular for three years, as Arkansas and Sammy Baugh & Co. at TCU proved the forward pass was here to stay. He was drafted by the Giants for '37, and was a crack end on one of the most successful teams in the club's 30-year history. Howell's own big thrill was the 23-17 world championship win over Green Bay in 1938.

His three-year service hitch was spent as an instructor in the tactical section of the Quantico school, and overseas in action with the Third Battalion of the Eighth Marines of the 2nd Division. He holds the rank of captain in the active reserve.

Away back in '37, Howell joined one of the most memorable rookie teams in pro annals. These kids lost three games their first season, two in their second, and none in their third year, and split two world title matches.

As a rookie coach, Howell hopes he will be as lucky.

The Staff Also Played

For his staff Jim Lee Howell has selected men, who, like himself, gained their intimate knowledge of the game on the field as players.

The staff is a glittering array of sterling football names. Vince Lombardi, one of Fordham's "Seven Blocks of Granite," a term forever etched in football lore . . . Ed Kolman, all-time tackle of the fabulous pre-war Chicago Bears . . . Tom Landry, one of the master defense diagnosticians of professional history . . . Bill Swiacki, an immortal name at Columbia and a professional champion!

Lombardi, 33, was Col. Earl Blaik's first aide at Army when Howell invited him to become Giant backfield coach. Jim Lee explained: "Vince is on the style I like—daring!"

Lombardi was teaching and coaching at St. Cecelia H.S. in Englewood, N. J., to help pay his way through Fordham Law School, when football stole him away from the legal profession, as he achieved national renown at St. Cecelia.

His record showed six state titles in eight years, and a streak of 36 games won. He was first high school coach, and St. Cecelia one of the first schools or colleges in the whole country, to put in the T formation.

Before St. Cecelia Vince was a Brooklyn boy who moved to Englewood and attended Fordham, where he was one of the famous linemen who became known as the "Seven Blocks of Granite," in 1934-36. Lombardi was on the dean's list for four years, and graduated cum laude. After St. Cecelia, Vince was freshman coach at Fordham in '47, and put in the T formation there. As backfield assistant to Ed Danowski in '48, he switched the varsity to the T. In '49, Lombardi signed on with Blaik, and as Army backfield coach he gained a national reputation for stylish, thorough and imaginative craftsmanship. The backs taught by Lombardi in '49 achieved not only an unbeaten season, but the record score of 38-0 over Navy highest since the 40-0 landslide of 1903.

Lombardi sees the Giant job as a challenge for certain ideas about the pros which have grown up with him through the years. He believes, for instance, that the Split T, which he taught on a quick-hitting pattern at Army, could be exploited a little further among the pros, with their exceptional passing game. Howell and he installed an experimental series of Split T plays, and are prepared to progress from there.

Kolman, 36, has been line coach since 1950, and is a tutor who insists on minute perfection of detail. Ed resides in New Hyde Park, L. I., was all-metropolitan at Boys High in Brooklyn, and All-American at Temple U. He was a star on what many regard as the mightiest team of pro history, the Chicago Bears of 1940-12, who won 29, lost four over the three-year span. Kolman, as left tackle, took part in the extravagant 73-0 championship win over Washington in 1940, and in the powerhouse 37-9 defeat of New York for the '41 title. In '41, Kolman topped his two veteran teammates at tackle, Lee Artoe and Joe Stydahar, in the All-Star voting.

Ed served almost four years in the Navy, and then played with the Bears until 1948, when an injury forced him to miss a season. He tried a comeback with the Giants in '49, and his tutoring influence on a young Giant line brought him an invitation to stay as coach.

Landry, 29, is one of the most versatile players in the NFL. He insisted on playing as well as taking over defense instruction, and Tom therefore will be a coach in the action. He is a lean, hard rawhide Texan of six-one and 195 pounds, who holds a master's degree in engineering, and who applies his keen technical mind to the problems of mechanics in football defense.

Landry was one of the famous "umbrella" quartet of Giant defensive backs,



SWIACKI

HOWELL

LANDRY KOLMAN

LOMBARDI

who made their nickname a national byword as celebrated as any offensive system, beginning in 1950. He was an offensive star at Texas U., and has doubled up as quarterback for the Giants in emergency, with several Iron Man 50-minute games to his credit in 1952. He also is a classic tackler and an excellent punter, but above all, a clear-headed, cool, commanding field general on defense without a superior.

Swiacki, 29, came out of retirement to become coach of ends. Bill had settled down in native Stockbridge, Mass., his native place, to the role of insurance and real estate broker, when Howell induced him to come back again to the game which made him famous.

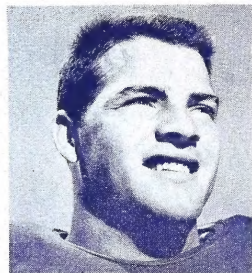
In 1947, at Columbia, Swiacki made the fantastic, acrobatic, diving catch in the end zone of Baker Field which ended a streak of 32 games unbeaten for Army. This catch was one of the most publicized sports photos of all time.

When the Giants conducted a fan ballot for the 1948 season to determine the college player Polo Grounds fans would most like to see, Swiacki won in a landslide. He upheld fan opinion by setting Giant records in 1948-50. His 106 receptions in three years and his 47 catches in '49 were new marks, and his 10 touchdowns in one season tied a record. With Detroit, Bill was one of the rampaging Lions who stormed to the world championship in 1952.

Lombardi, Kolman, Landry, Swiacki . . . all have been through the mill of football action, and know how, as coaches, to translate theory into touchdowns.

The ALL All-Americans

In Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote and Eddie Price the Giants field a running backfield surpassed by none in reputation and in football action. Add Don Heinrich or Chuck Conerly at quarterback and there is an ALL All-American quartet of purest ray serene.



GIFFORD

Gifford, Rote and Price present superlative quality and amazing versatility. All three are outstanding pass receivers as well as formidable runners, and Gifford and Rote are dangerous passers too.

Gifford, 24, the Iron Man of USC, is a player on the grand old-fashioned style who rushed, passed, caught, kicked, defended and returned kicks in college days, and repeated all as a natural on professional fields!

Rote, 26, the Mighty Mustang of SMU, is one of the most famous and most publicized college players of history, and his dauntless, single-handed, three-touchdown stand against Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl in 1949 is an undying epic of the game. His professional feats have been no less sterling.

Price, 28, the terror of Tulane, achieved a prodigious and unprecedented feat in college in 1948-49 when he twice surpassed 1,000 yards rushing. This 190-pound fullback, with rare determination, led the National Football League also in rushing with 971 yards in 1951!

Gifford was the No. 1 pick by the Giants in 1952, and came into the NFL as a senior who rushed 841 yards, completed 32 of 61 passes, and scored 74 points. In three years at USC only three of Gifford's 111 passes, as T-quarterback and single-wing tailback, were intercepted. He played 60 minutes as co-captain in two post-season games, and last season, when the Giants were struck by a wave of injuries, Frank went 50 minutes in several games. This year, Jim Lee Howell has tabbed Gifford strictly for offense.

Rote was the special bonus pick of '51, and his amazing clutch playing has been interrupted only by a series of knee injuries which removed him from action from time to time. In half of the 1952 season Rote was truly dynamic and was seventh among rushers with 421 yards, caught 21 passes for 240 yards and threw two of four for 113 yards. All in a half-season! Last year Rote tied a Giant record with three touchdowns in a game.

Price, a bulldog for grit and a racehorse for speed, is happily suited to the many quick-opening plays in the T and Split T which have been fashioned for him this season. Here is a small man, on NFL fullback lines, yet he took more punishment than any other runner in the circuit's history, with his all-time record of 271 rushing attempts in 1951! In three years Price headed for all-time ranking with 2,422 yards, until an ankle injury, now fully healed, stopped him in '53.

Gifford, Rote and Price—the kind of guys who bust up a game!

On the Firing Line

The Giants present a crack quarterback corps in Chuck Conerly, "old pro" record-holder, and brilliant rookies Don Heinrich of Washington, and Bobby Clatterbuck of Houston. Heinrich twice led the nation's collegiate forward passers and is an NCAA record-holder. Clatterbuck's arm brought Houston from obscurity to country-wide attention.

The club, with these men, closes an eight-year quest for quarterbacks which met bitter disappointment at times, hard luck at others, and which finally was crowned suddenly with bountiful success. Indeed, the Giants wound up with four, not three quarterbacks, and were able to trade Arnie Galiffa to obtain a needed player this year and a first draft pick for protection next year.

The story is a strange one, with fateful quirks and twists. When Frank Filchock retired after 1946, the Giants had no quarterback for '47. As the sectional winner, their draft pick was a low one, and no forward passer was available to them.

Emery Nix, Art Faircloth, Jim Blumenstock and Jerry Niles could not make it, and the Giants obtained Paul Gornali from the Boston Yanks at a staggering price. They gave Bill Paschal, twice league-leading ground gainer, the rights to George Connor, now all-league Chicago Bears tackle, and a pile of money. But Gornali withdrew after 1947.

But luck broke right—with financial support—for 1948, George Marshall of Washington had made a fortunate pick in the 1945 draft by naming Conerly on the 11th round. When Conerly amazed the nation in '47 by clearing almost all records from the NCAA books, Marshall found himself with Sam Baugh, Harry Gilmer and Conerly, and was willing to trade Conerly to New York. In a battle of bank-notes with Branch Rickey of the All-American Conference, the Giants signed Conerly to a five-year contract at a huge sum. Chuck was Rookie-of-the-Year in '48, and set an all-time record of 36 completions in one game.

The Giants then needed a second man, for protection and relief. A No. 1 draft pick, Travis Tidwell, wasn't the man in '50, and Fred Benners of SMU couldn't do it in '52.

Then things broke. Long dickering with Green Bay resulted in a deal for Galiffa. But Army red tape held up his discharge until mid-season, and he played only three games.

However, another Army rule helped. The Giants had picked Heinrich away at No. 3 in '52, and he repeated his 1950 leadership of the NCAA, to become one of the most glamorous prizes of recent history. But he went in the army, and seemed lost for two years until the "Willie Mays rule" permitted him to come out for 1954.

Clatterbuck was a "steal." In the '54 draft it was believed this strongarm was headed for pro baseball, but the Giants nevertheless named him, and he came their way.

All of a sudden, the luck began rolling for the Giants.



CONERLY

Simplicity—and Practice

Jim Lee Howell and backfield coach Vince Lombardi might phrase their motto on attack: "Simplicity—and Practice." Both feel that a team exquisitely drilled in a limited number of clear-cut plays will be far better off than a club with hundreds of variations which may be performed in slipshod manner.

Howell starts with the idea football is a game of action, not deep-thinking, for the players, and that debate and hesitation have no place in the huddle. One moment of indecision about an assignment can ruin the most ingenious play. Therefore, the new coaches have made drastic revisions in the conventional modes of signal-calling and blocking assignments to eliminate "class-room" work as much as possible in favor of fast action.

"We want our attack to be so simple anyone can understand it readily," explains Howell. "We want to make the teaching of it easy, and put in our hard work on the field in practice."

"When a man has to spend his time in the huddle thinking through his assignment, he often misses out," adds Lombardi.

The Giant attack is the T with a Split T series. The Split T is new to the team, and generally new in the National Football League this season. The Howell-Lombardi Split T is a quick-hitting series rather than the drifting quarterback type so common in college.

In mechanics, the Giant offense is a fast-striking system, combined with a delayed attack, the one to complement the other. If the quick-hitting plays force the defense to commit itself hurriedly, the delayed plays make a profitable counter. In brief, if the defensive lineman always has to be ready to stop a fast strike, he will be more vulnerable to the delayed series, and vice versa.

In the interests of simplicity, Howell settled on five series of plays, aside from the usual outright passing formations. These "packages" are called the 90-Split, featuring the quarterback, the H, with the halfback the key man, and the Belly Seven, the F and the 31, all relying chiefly on the fullback.

Every play in all five series may turn into a run or a pass, depending on the signal. To fans who see the identical maneuver become a run one time and a pass another time, the play may seem to be an exciting optional one. However, the quarterback call has determined the outcome.

By dividing plays into five distinct series, or "packages", the quarterback is relieved of thinking through an enormous repertory to select plays from down to down. The coaches, depending on their sideline and upstairs appraisal of the defense, will advise the quarterback to use a certain "package," say the Belly Seven. Then the quarterback's mind is cleared for him to make a sharp, speedy decision among a limited number of plays. He will be able to choose from among three or four plays which may fit the situation, rather than 30 or 40 or more. Often, all the quarterback will have to ponder in the huddle is whether to pass or run.

Simplicity was applied to blocking assignments by working out a set of instructions, a sort of code of blocking principles to fit varying situations, to replace former cumbersome special blocking assignments for each play. These apply also to blocking for the passer. Therefore the lineman enjoys freedom from the former mass of intricate switches of blocking from play to play.

Simplicity, Practice and the Split T introduce a new era in Giant offense.

Offense, Defense in Depth

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
	LEFT END
Schnelker, Wilkins, Topp, Norman	Duncan, Poole
	LEFT TACKLE
Brown, Poole	Krouse, Putman
	LEFT GUARD
Austin, Kennard	Albright, Putman
	CENTER - LINE BACKERS
Wietecha, Rapacz	Cannady, Woodard, Wietecha, Mangum, Knight
	RIGHT GUARD
Stroud, Jacoby, Carroccio	Woodard, Jacoby
	RIGHT TACKLE
Yelvington, Putman	Shipp, Putman
	RIGHT END
MacAfee, Stribling, Anderson	Knight, Van Doren
	QUARTERBACK—LEFT SAFETY
Conerly, Clatterbuck, Heinrich	Tunnell, Nolan
	LEFT HALF
Gifford, Johnson, Rote	Berry, Livingston
	RIGHT HALF
Rote, Long, Bailey	Nolan, Livingston
	FB—RIGHT SAFETY
Price, Epps	Landry, Berry
	SPECIALISTS
	PUNTERS:—Landry, Conerly, Berry
	KICK OFFS:—Norman, Knight, Wietecha, Gifford
	PLACE KICKERS:—Norman, Knight, Rote

Star Rookies Play in Polo Grounds

A galaxy of the nation's foremost college stars will appear as rookies in the Polo Grounds in the six-game Giant home schedule which features the first championship visit of the mighty Los Angeles Rams since 1948.

Among the brilliant new players on opposing teams will be Johnny Latner and Neil Worden of Notre Dame, Al Dorow and Billy Wells of Michigan State, Chet (the Jet) Hanulak of Maryland, Lamar McHan of Arkansas, Steve Meilinger of Kentucky, Paul Cameron of UCLA, Bill Wade of Vanderbilt and Les Richter of California.

Many of the league's most spectacular veterans also will test the Giants. Among them are Otto Graham, Charlie Trippi, Pete Pihos, Crazylegs Hirsch, Lynn Chandois, Charlie (Choo-Choo) Justice, Norm Van Brocklin, Dante Lavelli, Dan Towler and Lou Groza.

The NFL schedule again calls for 12 games, with home-and-home series with clubs in the same division. The Giants therefore will play their eastern opponents twice. These rivals are Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Chicago Cardinals, and Pittsburgh Steelers.

The schedule is filled out with two games against teams from the western division. The Giants will play the Colts in Baltimore, and will present as the western feature in the Polo Grounds the Rams, who follow the San Francisco 49ers in '52, and the Detroit Lions last season.

CHICAGO CARDINALS

Away: Sept. 26
Home: Oct. 17

Trippi—and Another Trippi!

The Cardinals have Charlie Trippi, one of the great names of the NFL, and believe they have come up with "another Trippi" in their No. 1 draft pick, Lamar McHan of Arkansas. As the workhorse of the nation from single wing tailback, McHan was an old-fashioned rugged triple-threat who ran, passed and punted, and lugged leather on kick returns. He had a 52% passing average, rushed 409 yards, and accounted for 12 touchdowns for the NCAA No. 2 spot in total offense.

McHan joins the hard-running duo of Johnny Olszewski and Trippi to maintain the Cardinal tradition of ground power which goes back to the immortal Ernie Nevers. Among the veterans, McHan has two receivers in the league's top 10 in Don Stonesifer, fourth with 56 catches, and Gern Nagler, ninth with 43.

Three more All-Star squad collegians who reinforce Joe Stydahar's colorful Cards are halfback Bobby Cavazos of Texas Tech, and ends Gary Knafelc of Colorado and Don Dohoney of Michigan State. Cavazos gained No. 2 national ranking at scoring with 80 points, including 13 touchdowns rushing. Knafelc played 561 minutes of a possible 600 for Colorado, and caught eight touchdown passes. Dohoney was probably the soundest defensive end in the Big Ten.

The Cardinals are one of three remaining charter members of the NFL, dating from 1921. Charles Bidwill bought the franchise in 1932, and upon his death, widow and son carried on. The Giants won 19, lost five, in the series.

BALTIMORE COLTS

Away: Oct. 2

Meeting a Brand New Rival

In their 30th season, the Giants meet a brand new rival in the revitalized Colts, in the only Saturday night game on the New York schedule. Under W. C. "Weeb" Ewbank, Paul Brown's former right hand man, the Colts have added considerable reinforcements in their second year, to support a hard core of outstanding veterans.

Ewbank believes he may have drawn the best passer out of Texas since Baugh and O'Brien in dynamic Cotton Davidson, No. 1 draft pick from Baylor. Davidson provides quarterback depth with Fred Enke, who carried the Colts single-handed until he was hurt in the eighth game of '53.

Colt veterans, after Enke, are headed by George Taliaferro, John Huzvar, Buddy Young, Dan Edwards, Larry Coutre, Tom Keane and Bert Rechichar. Huzvar and Taliaferro were sixth and 10th among the NFL ball-carriers in '53. The latter, with versatility, also caught passes, punted, and returned kicks.

Young and Rechichar electrified Colt fans in '53, the former with a 104-yard kickoff return, and the latter with a record-breaking 56-yard field goal. Edwards on offense is among the league's best ends. Coutre ranked fifth in kickoff returns, and Keane second in interceptions with 11.

Baltimore, in the NFL briefly for 1950, is now operating on a new franchise granted last year, with Carroll D. Rosenbloom as chairman.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Away: Oct. 10
Home: Oct. 24

Danger on the Old Warpath!

The Redskins and the Giants, since 1932, have waged the most tempestuous rivalry in the eastern division of the NFL, one which compares with the Bears-Packers feud in the west. New York is running ahead with 20 wins, 14 losses and two ties, but there is heightened danger on the old warpath this season, because coach Joe Kuharich has added a host of stars to an already formidable team.

Bob Goode, who rushed for 951 yards in '51, has returned from the Marines. Al Dorow, brilliant quarterback who sparked the most glorious wins in Michigan State history, 35-0 over Notre Dame and 25-0 over Michigan, comes from the air force as a rookie. Steve Meilinger of Kentucky, most versatile player in the nation in '53, Billy Wells of Michigan State, outstanding in the Rose Bowl last January, and Ralph Felton, halfback who carried the rushing load for Maryland's national champions, are other prize rookies.

Among veterans, Charlie (Choo-choo) Justice, Jack Scarbath and Hugh (Bones) Taylor stand out. Justice, fourth in the NFL with 616 yards rushing, carried the team to the eastern ground-gaining leadership. Scarbath surpassed many veterans as he gained sixth place as a rookie among the quarterbacks in '53. Taylor is a long-distance pass receiving end who scored eight touchdowns.

George Preston Marshall founded the Redskins in Boston in 1932, and moved them to Washington five years later.

**CLEVELAND
BROWNS**Away: Oct. 31
Home: Nov. 28***Air Attack, Unlimited***

The peerless and indestructible Otto Graham guides the Browns through his and their ninth season with extra help on air attack. Halfback Chet (the Jet) Hanulak, and ends John Carson and Carlton Massey are top rookies in the "Graham plan" which brought the Browns a new team passing record of 63 per cent completions in '53, and earned Otto an individual mark of 64.7, excelled only by Sam Baugh.

Hanulak, from Hackensack, N. J., was Maryland's leading receiver, although he was featured for his 9.8-yard rushing average, highest in the nation. Carson of Georgia U., tied for the NCAA lead in receiving with 45 catches. Massey of Texas U. was most valuable lineman in the East-West game.

Dante Lavelli, seventh in the league, is Graham's chief target. Ray Renfro and Billy Reynolds pack the running punch, with a bow also to Graham, who rushed for six touchdowns in '53. The Browns again present their great kickers, Horace Gillom, punter, and Lou Groza, whose 23 field goals set a record.

The Browns have won a sectional or league title under Paul Brown every season since Mickey McBride founded them in the All-America Conference in 1946. Cleveland came into the NFL in 1950, and the club is now operated by a syndicate headed by Dave R. Jones. The Giants won two from the Browns in 1950 and 1952, and the Browns took two in 1951 and 1953. A sectional title playoff win in 1950 puts Cleveland ahead, five to four.

**PITTSBURGH
STEELERS**Away: Nov. 7
Home: Dec. 5***The Jinx Team for Giants***

Although the Giants lead the Steelers 20 to 14, with two ties, in their series dating to 1933, Pittsburgh has been the jinx team for New York in recent years, with nine won, three lost and a tie since 1947. Most costly defeat was the upset Steeler win of '50, which forced the Giants into a title tie.

This season coach Walt Kiesling adds voltage to a formidable running attack with nationally-known rookies Johnny Lattner of Notre Dame, and Paul Cameron of UCLA. Lattner was one of the country's big stars as he rushed 651 yards for the Irish, and Cameron was responsible for 17 touchdowns, passing and running, as single-wing tailback.

Among the league's outstanding men are veterans Elbie Nickel, Fran Rogel, Lynn Chandnois, and Ray Mathews. Nickel was one shy of the NFL pass receiving title with 62 catches. Rogel was No. 5 at rushing with 527 yards. Chandnois rushed 470 yards, caught 43 passes, and averaged 29 yards, for second place, in kickoff returns. Equally versatile Mathews rushed 260 yards, caught four touchdown passes, and was fifth in punt returns.

Arthur J. Rooney has been president of the club since he founded it in 1932. Although Rooney presented several of the game's great players, notably Bill Dudley and Whizzer White, before his present scintillating cast, and although his Steelers were a football model under the late Dr. John Bain Sutherland, they never won a title. That's their jinx.

**PHILADELPHIA
EAGLES**Home: Nov. 14
Away: Dec. 12***Flying on Speed and Youth***

Jim Trimble, youngest coach in the NFL, has stressed speed and youth in his three-year rebuilding program which has made the Eagles runners-up in the east. The brightest new star this season is Neil Worden, No. 1 draft pick, who was the "Bull" at fullback for Notre Dame's unbeaten team. Worden, against the stoutest opposition, was fifth in the NCAA rankings with 859 yards rushing, for 11 touchdowns and a 5.9-yard average.

The Eagles flew to the league lead in air yardage—3089—and touchdown passes—25—in '53, as Bob Thomason took the individual marksmanship title with 21 touchdown throws. He was ranked fourth. Thomason's battery mate was the top pass catcher in the NFL, Pete Pihos with 63, and 10 touchdowns. Bob Walston collared 41 passes, for five touchdowns, and was fourth in scoring with 87 points.

Eagle running speed is based on Don Johnson and Jerry Williams, with the latter also a nifty pass receiver and kick return specialist. Jim Parmer, Hal Giancanelli and Toy Ledbetter also lug leather.

The Giants and Eagles split four games in their home-and-home tiffs in the past two years, but New York leads 25 to 14, with one tie, since 1933. Bert Bell, NFL commissioner, founded the club in '33. Alexis Thompson, owner, and Greasy Neale, coach, built it into a two-time world champion 1948-9. A syndicate headed by Frank L. McNamee now runs the Eagles.

**LOS ANGELES
RAMS**

Home: Nov. 21

Stars and Stars to Spare

The high-scoring Rams, loaded with first-magnitude football stars, play the Giants in league competition in the Polo Grounds for the first time since 1948. The talent-packed Californians under coach Hamp Pool present Norm Van Brocklin as their passing expert, Crazylegs Hirsch, Bob Boyd, Tom Fears and Bob Carey as his nifty receivers, and Dan Towler, Skeets Quinlan and Tank Younger as the rushing brigade.

Two of the outstanding players of recent years, quarterback Bill Wade of Vanderbilt, and guard Les Richter of California, bow as rookies, after discharge from military duty. Wade was the NFL bonus pick of 1952, and Richter was obtained in a deal which cost the Rams a whole team—11 men.

The Rams revel in touchdowns. Van Brocklin tossed 19 last year. Hirsch, Boyd and Fears each caught four. Towler and Quinlan, second and third ranked rushers, scored seven and four respectively. Younger, "bull elephant" fullback, powered over for eight. The Rams are so rich in ends they have to platoon Hirsch, Boyd, Fears and Carey on attack.

The Rams were founded in Cleveland in 1937, and bought by Daniel F. Reeves, still their president, in 1941. Reeves won in Cleveland in '45, moved to Los Angeles in '46, and won there in '49, '50 and '51. The Rams were world champions in '45 and '51. As Californians the Rams swept four games from the Giants; in Cleveland they split four games.

Youth Sets the Pace

Youth sets the pace for the Giant squad, which is a cross-section of the elite athletic talent of the nation, with players hailing from all sectors and from all major college conferences.

Youth provides the essential elixir of a professional football squad, to avert the ruination of a team when all members grow old and slow together. This year youth comes to the Giants in refreshing numbers, and there is a nice balance throughout the squad.

The average age of the Giants is 25, below the NFL norm. Only one third of the squad is over 25, and a mere threesome has reached 30. These players are Barney Poole, 31, and Chuck Conerly and John Cannady, 30. Three more specialists, Em Tunnell, Tom Landry and John Rapacz, are 29.

As for pro experience, the Giants also qualify as a young team, with a dozen first-year men, and only 13 players in their fourth or higher season. The average is 2.4 years, with the 1954 season included. The senior in experience is deadly line-backer Cannady, in his eighth term. Rapacz, Conerly and Tunnell are seven-year men, and Dick Woodard, Landry and Poole are in their sixth season.

In college origin, the Giants present an impressive array of powerful teams in the outstanding conferences. Players hail from UCLA, USC, Washington State and Washington in the Pacific Coast Conference. The Big 10 is represented by alumni of Ohio State, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Indiana and Iowa.

Tulane, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee sponsor grads of the Southeastern Conference, with football heroes from SMU and Texas as the Southwest Conference representatives. The redoubtable Maryland club of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and vaunted Oklahoma of the Big Seven claim Giant stars. In addition, such formidable independents as Pitt and Army, and "little" football powers, such as Houston, Bowling Green and Morgan State hold a rooting interest in the '54 Giants.

The makeup of the Giants illustrates why the NFL is such a tremendous national hit on TV, because no matter where a game may be telecast, the teams involved are likely to have players who made their college reputations in the area, or who are natives of the sector.

A team such as the Giants, as it gets down to the player limit, represents the ultimate product of a scouting dragnet which ignores no section of the nation, and no college, however small.

The Giants, for instance, took to camp at Salem, Ore., a squad of 60 carefully selected stars hailing from 24 of the 48 states! And from 43 different colleges!

In the main, players are procured through the annual draft of college men. Kyle Rote, for instance, is a bonus pick, the very highest selection possible. Frank Gifford is a No. 1 Giant pick, and one who might well have been a bonus pick, so outstanding has been his performance.

Trades, more and more common in the NFL, are a secondary means of bolstering a team. The Giants had hard luck when their No. 1 pick, Ken Buck, whom they had signed, was forced to withdraw because of illness. A trade filled that gap at end, when Bob Schnelker was obtained.

Sometimes a club strikes it rich, by signing an outstanding player who has not been drafted. Tunnell, one of the great broken-field runners of all time, walked into the Giants New York office and asked for a job!

Service football, as it steadily improves, is another source of material. The Giants got Cliff Livingston, star at Ft. Ord, by outbidding a number of clubs.

However they come, they are the elite of a nation!

Sketches of the GIANTS

ENDS

Cliff Anderson **Indiana** **25** **215** **6'2"**

In his senior year at Indiana Anderson set two Big Ten pass catching records. He also was a discus thrower who seemed certain to make the Olympic Team until he signed a pro contract. Cliff joined the Giants late last season, from the Cardinals, and quickly made the starting lineup. Though not especially fast, he can fake and change pace with the best of ends. Strong hands make him an ideal first-down catcher. In seven games he caught 16 passes for 258 yards. His best day against Pittsburgh was 7 for 128 yards. Anderson is married and lives in Cape May, N. J. Birthday, Nov. 25.

Jim Duncan **Wake Forest** **28** **205** **6'2"**

Duncan intercepted three passes last season, besides doing his usual flawless job at defensive left end. Jim's big thrill was blocking Horace Gilmon's punt in the second Cleveland game two years ago, which led to a Giant touchdown and broke the game open. He was a 50-minute man at Wake Forest, despite two-platoon system there. Won four football and four basketball letters in high school. Jim was passed up by the Bears and Browns before joining the Giants. He's been a regular from the start. Married. Home at Reidsville, N. C.

Cliff Livingston **U.C.L.A.** **24** **215** **6'3"**

Livingston made his reputation at Fort Ord last year when he was on the receiving end of passes from Don Heinrich. He was one of the foremost ends in service football, and was sought by many clubs. The Giants signed him by getting there "fustest with the mostest." Cliff's brother Howie played for the Giants in the war years. At UCLA Livingston was primarily a defensive end. He has the size and speed to team with Jim Duncan guarding the Giant flanks, and also an offensive prospect. Home town Montebello, Calif. Birthday, July 2.

Ken MacAfee **Alabama** **25** **205** **6'2"**

Like Livingston, speedy MacAfee is a top rookie prospect who made his reputation in service football. Ken starred at Quantico while in the Marines. He is an offensive end who is an excellent blocker. Good faker, hard to bring down. Is also a defensive possibility because of his size. Played with the Giants' John Amberg at Quantico and against Livingston and Don Heinrich in the Poinsettia Bowl last December, losing to the Fort Ord team 55-19. Home town North Easton, Mass. Birthday, Aug. 3.

Sketches of the GIANTS

ENDS (Cont.)

Haldo Norman **Gustavus Adolphus** **26** **200** **6'3"**

Comes to the Giants after two training seasons with the 49ers. He was a little All-American at Gustavus Adolphus in 1951 and was one of the nation's small college top pass receivers. In addition, he is an accomplished kickoff man and place kicker. Free agent. Home town Minneapolis, Minn. Birthday, May 18. Single.

Barney Poole **Mississippi** **30** **240** **6'3"**

Barney comes to the Giants by trade from the Baltimore Colts. He is the third Poole to wear the Giant uniform and is now reunited with Charlie Conerly. In 1947 at Ole Miss Barney caught 52 Conerly throws to be the national leader in that department. However, it is as a defensive end—the huge crashing type—that Barney will have his greatest value to the Giants this year. Married, one daughter. Home town Gloster, Miss.

Bob Schnelker **Bowling Green** **24** **215** **6'4"**

The Giants obtained Bob from the Philadelphia Eagles with Frank Ziegler in trade for Chet Lagod and Don Menasco. He started his professional career with the Cleveland Browns but went to the Eagles after the third game of the '53 season. He was backed up there behind Bob Walston and Pete Pihos. For Bowling Green, he played basketball and was an All-Ohio, end. Home town Marion, Ohio. Married.

Bill Stribling **Mississippi** **27** **205** **6'1"**

Bill is in his fourth season as a Giant. Led the Giant receivers in '52 with 26 catches. Last season he snared 16. Was an outstanding end in South-eastern Conference. Army veteran. Was the Giants 17th draft choice in 1950. Home town Buchanan, Ga. Birthday, Nov. 5. Single.

Bob Van Doren **U.S.C.** **25** **225** **6'3"**

Van Doren comes to the Giants in a trade. He's a big, fast defensive end who can also play offensive tackle. Was first string with the San Francisco 49ers last season, his first in pro ball. Played on the same team with Frank Gifford at USC. Home town, San Diego. Married, one child.

Sketches of the GIANTS

ENDS (Cont.)

Dick Wilkins **Oregon** **29** **195** **6'2"**

The Giants traded a draft pick to Baltimore to obtain this first class offensive end. Dick played two seasons under Jimmy Phelan, who strongly recommends him. For Los Angeles Dons in '49 he caught 32 passes for 589 yards, and for Dallas Texans 32 for 416 yards in '52. Withdrew last season to run the Dick Wilkins Lumber Co. Was tremendous basketball player for Oregon. Did not play college football until his senior year. Home town Eugene, Ore. Married, two children. Birthday, Sept. 28.

TACKLES

Roosevelt Brown Jr. **Morgan State** **21** **245** **6'3"**

A bespectacled giant with massive arms and a narrow waistline, this former Negro All-American was a rookie sensation last season. He made first team offensive tackle right from the start. Rosie may be the fastest lineman in the league, and has great strength too. He was a heavyweight wrestler in college. Home town Charlottesville, Va. Drafted No. 27, '53. Birthday, Oct. 20.

Ray Krouse **Maryland** **27** **250** **6'3"**

So feared a defensive tackle is Krouse that Los Angeles last season sent all their running plays at the other side of the Giant line. Krouse, with his tremendous lateral mobility, did make a few stops; but the end playing beside him did not have a chance all afternoon. With three years experience Ray should rank among the league's best. Ray, who lives at Arlington, Va., is married. Drafted No. 2, '51.

Earl Putman **Arizona State (Tempe)** **22** **300** **6'6"**

The biggest Giant ever, this huge tackle comes from last year's service champion Fort Ord team. Young, and without too much experience, he has tremendous potential. He handles his bulk very well and his coordination has been helped by shot-putting. A very strong candidate for the reinforced Giant line. Fifth draft choice. Home town Cincinnati, O. Birthday, January 10. Married, one daughter.

Billy Shipp **Alabama** **24** **275** **6'5"**

His weight above is an approximate figure. He was a cook in Korea in the Army and his weight soared to 300 pounds. Believes he will play at about 265. Billy was drafted No. 9 in '52 though he still had a year left in school. At Alabama he was the only man on the squad to play both ways in the two-plateau game. Will probably be used as an offensive tackle. Is fast and mobile—amazingly so. Played in the Cotton Bowl and Senior Bowl in 1953. Lives in Mobile. Birthday, Oct. 16.

Sketches of the GIANTS

TACKLES (Cont.)

Dick Yelvington Georgia 27 230 6'2"

A brilliant offensive tackle as a rookie in 1952, Yelvington continued to improve last season. Wally Butts called him a "great" tackle when he was at Georgia. A knee injury kept him out of several games in '52 and was a major factor in the loss of two. The knee was operated on in the winter of '53, healed perfectly and caused no trouble last season. An Army veteran, Yelvington played in the Orange Bowl in '49, and the North-South and East-West games in '50. Home town Ormond Beach, Fla. Birthday, July 27. Single.

GUARDS

Bill Albright Wisconsin 25 232 6'1"

A valuable man on defense where he can play guard, linebacker, or tackle, Albright returns for his fourth season with the Giants. Played at Wisconsin where he averaged 50 minutes a game as a senior, despite two-plateau system. Bill also did some place-kicking. Scored his first pro touchdown last year, scooping up a fumble and running it 16 yards. Known as "Walleye Will" to his teammates because of his fondness for fishing. Married, two children. Birthday, April 4. Drafted No. 20, '51.

Bill Austin Oregon State 25 225 6'1"

Returning to action last season after two years in the Army, Austin did not regain his old form until mid-season. He had been a 20 year old rookie sensation with the Giants in '49 and was a regular in '50. He did play service football in Japan in '52 but confessed that lack of competition caused him to learn more bad habits than good. Bill is an offensive guard who can play defense too. Married. Birthday, Oct. 18. Drafted No. 13, '49.

George Jacoby Ohio State 22 220 5'11"

One of the top college linemen of the '53 season. George is switching from tackle to guard for his professional career. He received trial run for the change at last year's Senior Bowl game and was outstanding. Was Ohio State's captain and most valuable player last year. Was All-Mid West, All-Big 10 and made several All-Americans. Played in East-West game. The sixth draft choice. Birthday, June 10. Home town Toledo, O. Married.

George Kennard Kansas 25 205 6'

For two seasons Kennard was a regular on the offensive line. Not especially big, he makes up for it with speed and accurate blocking. He's at his best on wide plays. George is especially valuable because he can play either right or left guard. He was a three-year letter man at Kansas, climaxing his collegiate career by making the All-Big Seven offensive team. Free agent. Single. Lives in Kansas City, Mo. Birthday, Jan. 8.

Sketches of the GIANTS

GUARDS (Cont.)

Jack Stroud Tennessee 25 215 6'1"

Stroud switched from tackle to guard last season and won a starting berth in several late season games. Jack is twice a Service veteran. He was a paratroop between high school and college and an ROTC lieutenant after graduation. The Giants drafted him No. 4 in '51. Stroud, captain of the Vols, played service football during his second hitch. Was All-Army in '51 and '52 and All-Service in '52. Biggest football thrill was Cotton Bowl win over Texas in senior year. Home town Knoxville. Salesman. Birthday, Jan. 29. Married, two children.

CENTERS

John Cannady Indiana 30 225 6'2"

One of the shrewdest linebackers in the league, Cannady is in his eighth season with the Giants. He has a great "nose" for a play, seldom is trapped and is a savage tackler. John's finest feat was taking personal charge of Marion Motley, Browns' great fullback and holding him to 86 yards in three games in 1950. John's favorite opponent was Harry Jagade of Browns. Says John: "It's a pleasure to tackle a man who screams when you hit him." Proprietor of "Big John's Duck Inn" in Charleston, S. C., his home town. Birthday, May 9. Confirmed bachelor.

John Rapacz Oklahoma 29 260 6'4"

Amazingly mobile for so big a man, Rapacz performs the snap from center as accurately as any man who ever played the position. In practice he centers the ball at a goal post 15 yards away and can hit it seven times in 10. Was All-American at Oklahoma in 1947, played in the defunct AAC and was the Giants' first pick when that league disbanded. Loves football and promises to go on as long as the Giants let him. Staff sergeant with Marines. Married. Home town Kalamazoo, Mich. Birthday, Apr. 25.

Ray Wietecha Northwestern 25 215 6'1"

Wietecha came to the Giants last Fall after a whirl at Class B baseball as a bonus outfielder in the Washington chain. He prefers football. The fleet 215-pounder is one of the most versatile men in football. Fast enough to be a back, Wietecha last season was offensive center, linebacker and end. All-Big Ten Selection. Spent two years in the Marines, playing at Quantico. Single. Birthday, Nov. 4. Drafted No. 12, '50. Home East Chicago, Ind.

The Giants of 1954

No. ENDS:

No.	ENDS:	College	Age	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yrs. Pro	Yrs. Giant	Home Town
82	Cliff Anderson	Indiana	25	6'2	215	4	2	Cape May, N. J.
86	James Duncan	Wake Forest	28	6'2	205	5	5	Reidsville, N. C.
-89	Cliff Livingston	UCLA	23	6'3	215	1	1	Montebello, Cal.
-80	Ken MacAfee	Alabama	24	6'2	205	1	1	North Easton, Mass.
84	Haldo Norman	Gustavus Adolphus	26	6'3	200	3	1	Minneapolis, Minn.
-78	Barney Poole	Mississippi	30	6'3	240	5	1	Gloster, Miss.
-85	Bob Schnelker	Bowling Green	24	6'4	215	2	1	Marion, Ohio
81	Bill Stribling	Mississippi	27	6'1	205	4	4	Buchanan, Ga.
71	Bob Van Doren	USC	25	6'3	225	2	1	San Diego, Cal.
88	Dick Wilkins	Oregon	29	6'2	195	3	1	Eugene, Oregon
-	BOB TOPP	MICHIGAN	22	6'2	190			

TACKLES:

-79	Roosevelt Brown	Morgan State	22	6'3	235	2	2	Charlottesville, Va.
-70	Ray Krouse	Maryland	27	6'3	250	4	4	Arlington, Va.
77	Earl Putman	Arizona St. (Tempe)	22	6'6	300	1	1	Cincinnati, Ohio
-74	Billy Shipp	Alabama	23	6'5	275	1	1	Mobile, Ala.
-72	Dick Yelvington	Georgia	27	6'2	230	3	3	Ormond Beach, Fla.
-	RAY COLLINS	LSU	27	5'11	235			

GUARDS:

-75	Bill Albright	Wisconsin	25	6'1	232	4	4	Racine, Wisc.
-60	Bill Austin	Oregon State	25	6'1	225	4	4	Woodburn, Oregon
-65	Russ Carroccio	Virginia	23	6'1	235	1	1	Passaic, New Jersey
62	George Jacoby	Ohio State	22	5'11	220	1	1	Toledo, Ohio
-67	George Kennard	Kansas	25	6'	205	3	3	Kansas City, Mo.
-66	Jack Stroud	Tennessee	25	6'1	215	2	2	Knoxville, Tenn.
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CENTERS:

-52	John Cannady	Indiana	30	6'2	225	8	8	Charleston, S. C.
-53	John Rapacz	Oklahoma	29	6'4	260	7	5	Kalamazoo, Mich.
-55	Ray Wietecha	Northwestern	25	6'1	215	2	2	E. Chicago, Ind.
51	Dick Woodard	Iowa	28	6'1	225	6	3	Davenport, Iowa

QUARTERBACKS:

-12	Bobby Clatterbuck	Houston	22	6'3	195	1	1	San Angelo, Texas
-42	Charlie Conerly	Mississippi	30	6'1	185	7	7	Clarksdale, Miss.
17	Arnie Galiffa	Army	27	6'2	195	2	2	Donora, Pa.
-11	Don Heinrich	Washington	23	6'	180	1	1	Bremerton, Wash.

HALFBACKS:

27	Jim Bailey	Miami (Ohio)	24	6'1	205	1	1	Hamilton, Ohio
-24	Wayne Berry	Washington State	21	6'	175	1	1	Pullman, Wash.
-16	Frank Gifford	USC	24	6'1	190	3	3	Los Angeles, Cal.
-20	Herb Johnson	Army	25	5'10	172	1	1	NYC
-49	Tom Landry	Texas	29	6'1	195	6	5	Bellaire, Texas
-22	Buford Long	Florida	22	6'1	190	2	2	Lake Wales, Fla.
-25	Dick Nolan	Maryland	22	6'1	185	1	1	White Plains, N. Y.
-44	Kyle Rote	SMU	26	6'	195	4	4	San Antonio, Texas
-45	Em Tunnell	Iowa	29	6'1	183	7	7	Garrett Hill, Pa.
-	HERB RICH	VANDERBILT	25	5'11	180			

FULLBACKS:

-35	Bobby Epps	Pittsburgh	22	5'8	195	1	1	Pittsburgh, Pa.
-34	Pat Knight	SMU	25	6'2	200	2	2	San Antonio, Texas
30	Pete Mangum	Mississippi	23	6'	198	1	1	Lake Providence, Pa.
-31	Eddie Price	Tulane	28	5'11	190	5	5	New Orleans, La.
-	BILL SVOBODA	TULANE	26	6'0	210			

Trainers—John Johnson and Sid Moret

Physician—Dr. Francis Sweeny

Dentist—Dr. Arthur G. Croker

Equipment Manager—Joseph Pugni

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CENTERS (Cont.)

Dick Woodard Iowa 28 225 6'1"

A fiery competitor at center, guard or linebacker, Dick rejoined the Giants last season after a year with the Redskins. He played with the Giants in '50 and '51 after beginning his career with the Los Angeles Dons. Once a fullback, Dick had such a severe shoulder injury in college that he wore a chain between arm and side to prevent throwing the shoulder out of joint. An operation corrected this, and Dick discarded the chain two years ago. Married. Birthday, July 26. Home town Bettendorf, Ia.

QUARTERBACKS

Bobby Clatterbuck Houston 22 195 6'3"

For three years Bobby was the regular T man of the Houston Cougars as that university rose from football obscurity to national prominence. In '50, Clatterbuck was a junior college All-American at San Angelo J. C. Also was a baseball pitcher and had a record of 12-6 in three varsity years. Drafted No. 27. Birthday, July 3. Home town San Angelo, Tex. Married, one son.

Charles Conerly Mississippi 30 185 6'1"

The dauntless veteran quarterback for the first time has competent help at his position. Year after year—this is Chuck's seventh—injuries laid his subs low, and Conerly had to go it alone, despite his own injuries. In '51 he played a full season despite a painful and hobbling shoulder separation suffered in an exhibition. Last year he worked the final four games despite a fractured left thumb. All-America at Ole Miss. He led the nation's collegiate passers with a record-breaking performance in '47. Rookie of the year as an NFL freshman in '48, when he set the all-time record of 36 completions in one game. Made the switch from single wing to T quarterback in '49. Obtained in trade with Redskins. Corporal with marines in Pacific Theatre. Cotton farmer in Clarksdale, Miss. Birthday, Sept. 19. Married.

Arnie Galiffa Army 27 195 6'2"

Galiffa proved himself a clutch passer in less than two full games last season. He passed to Kyle Rote for 75 yards and the winning touchdown against the Cardinals with only seven seconds remaining. Arnie's back injury in the succeeding game, which finished him for the season, has healed perfectly. He was never scratched in Korea where he spent eight months and won the Bronze Star. The Giants obtained rights to him from Green Bay for Val Joe Walker and their 1954 first draft pick, but Arnie didn't get out of the Army until the season was half over. Galiffa was a unanimous All-American at West Point in '49. Red Blaik called Arnie's job against Navy that year "the finest college quarterbacking" he had ever seen. A versatile athlete at West Point, Galiffa won 11 letters in football, baseball and basketball. Married and a father, he lives in Donora, Pa.

Sketches of the GIANTS

QUARTERBACKS (Cont.)

Don Heinrich Washington 22 180 6'

The premier college passer in the nation in '50 and '52 comes to the Giants after almost two years in the Army. Heinrich was drafted No. 3 in 1951 though he still had a year to go in college. A shoulder separation had kept him out of the 1951 season. He had his best season the year before, completing 134 of 221 passes for 60.9 percent, 1,846 yards and 14 touchdowns. Only nine were intercepted. The 60.9 figure is an all-time NCAA record. Two years later Don completed 137 of 270 for 1,647 yards, 13 touchdowns and a 50.7 percentage. While in the Army he led the Fort Ord team to a 13-0 record and a Salad Bowl victory over Great Lakes. The handsome Heinrich is a resident of Bremerton, Wash. where he was a baseball, basketball and football star in high school. A masterful ball-handler as well as passer, he teamed with Hugh McElhenny at Washington when that powerful runner made his reputation. Don and Barbara Wartman, a Bremerton girl, were married in the summer of 1952.

HALFBACKS

Jim (Boxcar) Bailey Miami (Ohio) 24 205 6'1"

Bailey is a rookie back obtained from the Los Angeles Rams for a draft choice next year. Just out of the Army, he played both halfback and fullback in college and in service fullback. Has exceptional speed and because of his size hits hard. Served 2 years as Army corporal, much of it in Frankfurt, Germany. Doesn't know how he came to be called "Boxcar" though it's a label he's worn since high school. Opponents say he hits like one. Single, birthday Dec. 4. Home town Hamilton, Ohio.

Wayne Berry Washington State 22 175 6'

Wayne is a "do everything" halfback who is a fine football player 60 minutes per game. He kicks, he passes, he runs, he plays defense—all superlatively well. He was All-Pacific Coast Conference last season and received the J. Fred Bowler Inspirational Award by vote of his team mates. He was the Giants 6th draft choice. Birthday, Aug 2. Home town Pullman, Wash. Married, two daughters.

Sketches of the GIANTS

HALFBACKS (Cont.)

Frank Gifford Southern California 24 190 6'1"

The No. 1 draft choice of '52 attained full stardom last season as a pro sophomore. He was the Iron Man as he played the last six games on offense and defense, a rare feat in these two-platoon days. Gifford is a strong, exceptionally gifted player who has drive and speed and savvy, and who is big enough to run inside. Never missed a play because of injury, despite his two-way ordeal. Frank led the Giants in scoring. He had the longest punt runback, the longest run with an interception and kicked the longest field goal. He is a crowd-captivator on the lines of Ward Cuff. At college was halfback on official All-America team of American Football Coaches Assn. In senior year rushed 841 yards, completed 32 of 61 passes, scored seven touchdowns, and kicked two field goals and 26 extra points. Of 111 passes in three years only three were intercepted. Played 60 minutes in East-West and North-South games. In off-season the handsome Gifford fills movie roles, and played Stan Pomeroy in the "All-American" film. Birthday, Aug. 16. Married.

Herb Johnson Army 25 172 5'10"

Herb played on one of the great Army teams in 1950 and received prominent All-America defense mention. Graduate of Washington U. Spent two years as an Air Force PFC. Played in Canada last year and set five Canadian records. One is a punt return of 109 yards! Free agent. Birthday, July 10. Home town Jackson Heights, L. I.

Tom Landry Texas 29 195 6'1"

One of the brilliant all-around players of professional history returns this season in a dual role—as defense coach and as guardian of the safety line with Em Tunnell. Landry can play all backfield positions on offense and defense—and has! Two years ago he was the Giant Iron Man as he added emergency offensive duty to full-time defensive play. Last season he did not miss a single defensive play, did most of the punting, and often was on kickoff and receiving teams. Landry, holder of two degrees from Texas U., was T quarterback and fullback there. He was a first lieutenant in the Air Corps during the war and later played with the AAC Yankees. When that league broke up, the Giants drafted him fourth. The rugged Texan was brought up near Brownsville in the Rio Grande Valley, but lives now in a suburb of Houston, with wife and three children. Birthday, Sept. 11.

Buford Long Florida 22 190 6'1"

Long was one of the top new men of the NFL last season. Proved himself a definite game-breaking threat. A wonderful deep receiver, he caught 14 passes for 220 yards and two TDs. Intercepted three passes. The fastest Giant regular. Drafted No. 5 for 1953. Birthday, Dec. 14. Home town Lake Wales, Fla. Single.

Sketches of the GIANTS

HALFBACKS (Cont.)

Dick Nolan Maryland 22 185 6'1"

The regular right halfback on the nation's No. 1 college team last season hails from White Plains, N. Y. He played in the Sugar Bowl, Orange Bowl, Senior Bowl and is a member of this year's All-Star squad. Possesses high speed, and will probably concentrate on defense. He was the fourth draft choice. Birthday. Mar. 26. Married.

Kyle Rote Southern Methodist 26 195 6'

The "Mighty Mustang", one of the most famous and most publicized football players of all time, is aiming for his greatest season in '54. Rote, who set records wherever he played, tied a Giant mark for most points in one game last season, was the team's best pass catcher and most effective runner. Yet he missed almost half the games because of injury. First torn knee ligaments sidelined "Killer Kyle", then a pulled muscle high in his thigh. Nonetheless, he was selected to the Pro Bowl team. The injury jinx has plagued him since his entrance into pro football four years ago. He tore knee cartilages in his rookie season and the resultant operation left him in bad physical shape at the beginning of '52. But he roared through the last five games for that season to finish seventh among the league's rushers. Kyle was MVP at Jefferson High in San Antonio and has been showered with honors ever since. His one-man stand against Notre Dame in '49 won him national recognition. Unanimous All-American choice, winner of Sportsmanship Trophy of Southwest Conference, voted to have achieved the outstanding athletic performance by a Texan in the first half century, Kyle is a magnificent all-round athlete. Hit better than .300 in one season of minor league baseball, shot 75-70 in a celebrity golf tournament. Giants got him as the bonus pick in 1950. Runs an insurance company in the off-season. Married with two sons. Birthday, Oct. 27.

Em Tunnell Iowa 29 183 6'1"

Again in '53 Tunnell was the spectacular safety man who gained more ground on defense than any offensive back or end. Emlen the Gremlin returned 38 punts 223 yards, 17 kickoffs 479 yards and six interceptions 117 yards, a total of 819 yards. He led the Giants in all three departments and broke his own league record of 34 when he brought back 38 punts. This latter figure is really a record of durability, because the slender Tunnell was smashed down in his tracks a dozen times but always came back for more. The amount of yardage he gained effectively answers fans who ask why the Giants don't try him on offense. Tunnell is a touchdown threat anytime he has the ball because of his tricky running and fantastic faking. He returned one kickoff 86 yards last season, never getting into top speed once. Em has made All-Pro and Pro Bowl teams the last several years. Was one of the big finds in football history—the Giants signed him as a free agent! Single. Birthday, Mar. 29.

A to Z of Giant Titles

The Giants won their Conference championship eight times, in 1933-34-35-38-39-41-44-46, and the world championship three times, in 1927-34-38. Here is the complete list of players on those teams:

This little fire-plug is one of the most determined runners the East has seen in years. Will remind old Giant fans of "Bull" Karcis. Very strong inside runner. All-Eastern selection. Giants 14th draft choice. Birthday, May 25, Home town Pittsburgh, Pa. Married, one son.

One of the most promising rookies of the '52 season returns to action after a year lay-off. A crack defensive end and linebacker, Pat suffered an injury which had him out most of '52, but is now completely healed. He is a deadly tackler. Drafted 10th, 1952. Home town San Antonio, Texas. Married.

Fullback on offense, linebacker and halfback on defense, this rookie will make his strongest bid as linebacker. Recommended to the Giants by Jim Poole. Last season he intercepted enemy aerials in the closing minutes of three games. First name Ernest—he prefers “Pete”. Drafted 23rd. Birthday, January 17. Home town Lake Providence, La. Single.

After three magnificent seasons, injuries hobbled Price most of last year. Winner of the league ground-gaining title in 1951, fourth in 1950 and second in '52, a sprained ankle, followed by foot adhesions limited Eddie's yardage total to a mere 206 yards in 1953. But he did catch 26 passes, tying him with Rote for the team leadership. Price's best year was '51 when he gained 971 yards and barely missed being the fourth thousand-yarder in league history when a 70-yard run was called back for an offside. He surpassed that total twice at Tulane with 1178 and 1137 yards. Now in his fifth year, Eddie hopes to top Tuffy Leemans' Giant record of 3,117. Eddie has 2,628. He is a fierce competitor whose greatest assets are his quick-starting speed, determination, and willingness to condition himself. Small for a fullback, he is solid, rugged, extremely difficult to knock down. Has learned to be a good blocker on pass plays. Home town New Orleans where he is an off-season TV broadcaster. Married, with three children. Drafted No. 2 in 1950. Birthday, Sept. 2.

A	H	F
Adams, Verlin '44	Haden, Jack '38	Palazzi, Lou '46
Adams, O'Neal '44	Hagerty, Jack '27	Parnell, Babe '27
Avedisian, Chas. '44	Hinkley, James '47	Parry, Ose '38
	Hanken, Ray '38	Paschal, Bill '44-46
	Hapes, Merle '46	Pedersen, Win '41
Badgro, Red '33-4-5	Hare, Cecil '46	Petras, Bill '44
Barker, Hubert '44	Hess, Mel '33-4-5-8-9-41-4	Pickell, Bill '44
Barnum, Les '38-9	Herber, Arnie '44	Poole, Jim '38-9-41-6
Beche, Keith '44	Howell, Jim Lee '38-9-41-6	Principle, Dom '41
Beebe, Rob '44-5	Hubbard, C. '27	

Blažine, Tony	'41	
Borden, Les	'35	1
Burnett, Dale	'33-4-5-8-9	
Byler, Joe	'46	
		Imlay, Tut '27
		Irvin, Tex '33-4-5

C	J
Calligaro, Len '44	Jappe, Paul '27
Campbell, Glenn '33	Johnson, Larry '38-9
Cannella, John '33	Jones, Tom '33-4-5
Caracci, Roland '44	

Carroll, Vic '44-6-	
Clancy, Stuart '33-4-5	K
Cole, Peter '38-9	Kane, Herbert '44
Cope, Frank '38-9-41-4-6	Kaplan, Bernie '35
Corgan, Chuck '27	Karcis, John '38-9
Corzine, Les '34-5	Kendrick, Jim '27
Coulter, DeWitt '46	Kinscher, Carl '40
Cuff, Ward '38-9-41-4	Kline, Jiggs '39
	Krause, Max '34-5

D
Danowski, E. '34-5-8-9-41
DeFilippo, Lou '41-6
Dell Isola, John '34-5-8-9
Demiani, Frank '44
Dennery, Vince '41
Dobelstein, Bob '46

E	M
Eakin, Kay '41	Marefos, Andy '41
Edwards, Bill '41-6	McBride, Jack '27-33
Eshmont, Len '41	

F	McClain, Red '41
Falasci, Nello '38-9-41	Mead, Jack '46
Feather, Terry '33	Mellus, John '38-9-41
Filchock, Frank '46	Miller, Eddie '39
Filipowicz, Steve '46	Milstead, Century '27
Flaherty, Ray '33-4	Molenda, Bo '33-4-5
Frank, George '41-6	Moran, Dale '33
Frankian, Ike '34-5	Morgan, Bill '33-4-5
	Murtaugh, George '27

G	N
Galazin, Stan '38	Nesser, Al '27
Garvey, Heck '27	Newman, Harry '33-5
Gelatka, Chuck '38-9	Nix, Emery '46
Gibson, Butch '33-4	

Gibson, Butch '35-4
Gildea, John '38
Gladchuk, Chet '41-6
Goodwin, Tod '35
Gorgone, Peter '46
Grant, Len '33-4-5
Guyon, Joe '27

P
Palazzi, Lou '46
Parnell, Babe '27
Parry, Ox '38-9
Paschal, Bill '44-6
Pedersen, Win '41
Petrilas, Bill '44
Piccolo, Bill '44
Poole, Jim '38-9-41-6
Principe, Dom '41
Pugh, Marion '41

Quatse. Jess '35

R

Ragazzo, Phil '46
Reagan, Frank '41-6
Reese, Hank '33-4
Richards, Kink '33-4-5-8-9
Russell, Red '38

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Sarausky, Tony '35
Shaffer, Leland '35-8-9-41
Singer, Walter '35
Sivell, James '44
Smith, Willis '34
Soar, Hank '38-9-41-4
Sohn, Ben '41

Stahlman, Dick '27
Strong, Ken '33-4-5-9-44-6
Sulaitis, Joe '44

I

Tuttle. Orville '38-9-41-6

U
Umont. Frank '44

V
Visnic, Larry '44
Vosberg, Don '41

	W
Walls, Will	'38-9-41
Weiss, John	'44-6
White, Jim	'46
White, Phil	'27
White, Tarzan	'38-9
Widseth, Ed	'38-9
Wolfe, Hugh	'38
Wyckoff, Doug	'27

Y

Yeager, Howie '41
Younce, Len '41-4-6

Z
Zapustas, Joe '33
Zyntell, Jim '33

Reconstruction, Inc.

Jim Lee Howell might add a special title, "Reconstruction Specialist," after his name, because a vital part of the job as coach was the rebuilding of the Giant squad. In a tremendous overhauling program which affected almost half the team, Howell came up with a sparkling group of new Giants, mostly rookies, but with several obtained in trade from other clubs.

On the offense, Howell's "new faces" campaign produced Don Heinrich, Bob Clatterbuck, Bobby Epps, and Herb Johnson, backs; Ken MacAfee and Bob Schnelker, ends, and George Jacoby, guard. The defense will benefit from Cliff Livingston, Dick Nolan and Wayne Berry, backs; Earl Putman and Billy Shipp, tackles; Barney Poole and Bob Van Doren, ends; and Pete Mangum, backerup.

This represents an extraordinary influx of new blood in one season, and it is a tribute to Howell's daring in going all the way with men of his selection, at the expense of more experienced veterans who did not quite meet his standard of play.

The 1954 draft list provided Clatterbuck, Nolan, Epps, Berry, Putman, Jacoby and Mangum. From previous lists Heinrich, MacAfee and Shipp were secured. Trades brought in Schnelker, Poole and Van Doren. Livingston was a free agent in service football, and Johnson became a Giant after setting records in Canada last season.

The enormous, forbidding scope of Howell's job was depicted when he got down to bed-rock in veterans he wished to keep. The list was Jim Duncan, end; Roosevelt Brown, Dick Yelvington and Ray Krouse, tackles; Bill Austin, Bill Albright, Jack Stroud and George Kennard, guards; Ray Wietecha, John Rapacz, John Cannady and Dick Woodard, centers; Chuck Conerly, quarterback; and Frank Gifford, Kyle Rote, Buford Long, Eddie Price, Tom Landry and Em Tunnell, backs.

That left Howell a formidable number of gaps to fill. He was in need of offensive and defensive ends, defensive halfbacks and tackles, and depth in the offensive backfield.

MacAfee, a brilliant player at Alabama and recently with the Quantico Marines, and Schnelker fixed up offensive end. Schnelker, picked by Cleveland last year, was traded to Philadelphia and then to the Giants for Chet Lagod and Don Menasco.

Defensive end was filled by taking Poole from Baltimore for a 1955 draft pick, and Van Doren from San Francisco as part of the Arnie Galiffa deal. Putman, largest Giant in history at 300 pounds, and 275-pound Shipp came from Ft. Ord and Alabama, respectively, to man defensive tackle.

Howell made a strike in his fourth draft pick, Nolan, who fitted perfectly at defensive halfback, with Livingston, a star at Ft. Ord, as his running mate, and Berry in reserve. Johnson, an outstanding player on a great Army team, and Epps, spirited "fireplug" fullback from Pitt, added running power to the offense.

Most important, quarterback was given high quality depth by Heinrich, glamor boy at Washington who twice led the NCAA passers, and Clatterbuck, field general of last season's redoubtable Houston club. Clatterbuck was skipped by other clubs in the draft because it was understood his mind was set on pro baseball; the Giants struck it rich by nabbing this fine passer on the 27th round.

The most amazing angle of Howell's new-faces campaign is the fact that it did not hurt the club for next year, by stripping off valuable draft picks. Only one pick for '55 was surrendered—for Poole—and this was far outweighed by the No. 1 pick taken from San Francisco in the Galiffa deal.

N.F.L. Final 1953 Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts. For	Pts. Against
Cleveland	11	1	0	.917	348	162
Philadelphia	7	4	1	.636	352	215
Washington	6	5	1	.545	208	215
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	211	263
New York Giants	3	9	0	.250	179	277
Chicago Cardinals	1	10	1	.091	190	337

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit*	10	2	0	.833	271	205
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	372	237
Los Angeles	8	3	1	.727	352	215
Chicago Bears	3	8	1	.272	218	262
Baltimore	3	9	0	.250	182	350
Green Bay	2	9	1	.182	200	338

*Defeated Cleveland 17-16 in championship game.

1953 Results and Schedule for 1954

1953 Results

Los Angeles 21, Giants 7
 Pittsburgh 24, Giants 14
 Washington 13, Giants 9
 Giants 21, Cardinals 7
 Cleveland 7, Giants 0
 Giants 23, Cardinals 20
 Philadelphia 30, Giants 7
 Pittsburgh 14, Giants 10
 Washington 24, Giants 21
 Giants 37, Philadelphia 28
 Cleveland 62, Giants 14
 Detroit 27, Giants 16

*Saturday Night Game.

1954 Schedule

Sept. 26—at Cardinals
 *Oct. 2—at Baltimore
 Oct. 10—at Washington
 Oct. 17—Cardinals
 Oct. 24—Washington
 Oct. 31—at Cleveland
 Nov. 7—at Pittsburgh
 Nov. 14—Philadelphia
 Nov. 21—Los Angeles
 Nov. 28—Cleveland
 Dec. 5—Pittsburgh
 Dec. 12—at Philadelphia

Giants' 1953 Individual Statistics

FORWARD PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct. Comp.	TD Passes	No. Int.
Charley Conerly	303	143	1711	47.2	13	25
Bill Mackrides	15	6	53	40.0	1	3
Arnie Galiffa	13	4	129	37.7	1	5
Frank Gifford	6	3	47	50.0	1	0
Kyle Rote	8	2	45	25.0	0	1

BALL CARRYING

	Atts.	Yds.	Long Gain	TDs Avg. Rushing
Sonny Grandelius	108	278	31	2.6
Kyle Rote	63	213	18	3.4
Eddie Price	102	206	15	2.0
Frank Gifford	50	157	15	3.1
Charley Conerly	24	91	24	3.9
Buford Long	20	58	21	2.9
Randy Clay	16	26	10	1.6
Merv Hodel	5	11	6	2.2
Butch Avinger	5	6	5	1.2
Bill Mackrides	1	2	2	2

PASS RECEIVING

	No. Rec.	Yards	Long Gain	TD
Kyle Rote	26	440	75	5
Eddie Price	26	233	31	1
Frank Gifford	18	292	49	4
Ray Pelfrey	17	233	60	3
Cliff Anderson	16	258	32	0
Bill Stribling	16	165	21	0
Buford Long	14	220	55	2
Sonny Grandelius	14	87	26	0
Randy Clay	5	51	33	1
Butch Avinger	2	8	4	0
Merv Hodel	2	-15	—	0
Joe Scott	1	10	10	0

PASS INTERCEPTIONS

	No. Int.	Yards	Long Gain	TD
Emlen Tunnell	6	117	44	0
Buford Long	3	59	26	0
Tom Landry	3	55	30	0
Jim Duncan	3	39	31	0
Randy Clay	2	22	22	0
Frank Gifford	1	66	50	1*
John Cannady	1	33	33	0
Dick Woodard	1	10	10	0
Joe Sulaitis	1	6	6	0
Don Menasco	1	5	5	0
Ray Wietcha	1	0	0	0

*Gifford scored on lateral from Landry.

Giants' 1953 Individual Statistics (Cont.)

SCORING

	TD Running	TD Passing	FGA	FGM	PAT	Safety	Total
Frank Gifford	3	4	5	1	2		47
Kyle Rote	1	5					36
Randy Clay		1	7	2	20		32
Eddie Price	2	1					18
Ray Pelfrey		3					18
Buford Long		2				1	14
Sonny Grandelius	1						6
Bill Albright	1						6

PUNT RETURNS

	No. Returned	Yards	Longest	TD
Emlen Tunnell	*38	223	37	0
Frank Gifford	16	106	40	0
Tom Landry	1	5	5	0

*New league record.

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No. Returned	Yards	Longest	TD
Emlen Tunnell	17	479	86	0
Frank Gifford	13	327	55	0
Buford Long	7	198	36	0
Tom Landry	2	38	24	0
Randy Clay	1	20	20	0
Joe Sulaitis	1	15	15	0

PUNTING

	No. of Punts	Longest	Average
Tom Landry	44	60	40.3
Butch Avinger	42	69	37.1

Giants' All Time Records

SCORING

Most Points, Career

351 Ken Strong, 8 years ('33-'35, '39, '44-'47)	132 Joe Scott, 5 years ('48-'52)
319 Ward Cuff, 9 years ('37-'45)	127 Jack McBride, 5 years ('25-'28, '32)
223 Ray Poole, 6 years ('47-'52)	122 Kink Richards, 7 years ('36-'42)
174 Bill Paschal, 5 years ('43-'47)	120 Tuffy Leemans, 7 years ('36-'42)
158 Gene Roberts, 4 years ('47-'50)	117 Hinky Haines, 4 years ('25-'28)
154 Dale Burnett, 10 years ('30-'39)	108 Len Sedbrook, 3 years ('29-'31)
144 Frank Liebel, 5 years ('42-'46)	102 Bill Swiacki, 3 years ('48-'50)

Most Points, One Year

102 Gene Roberts, 1949
72 Ken Strong, 1934, Bill Paschal, 1943.

Most Points, One Game

18 Gene Roberts vs. N. Y. Bulldogs 9/30/49, vs. Bears 10/23/49, vs. Green Bay 11/13/49; Frank Liebel vs. Philadelphia 12/4/45; Joe Scott vs. Los Angeles 11/14/48; Kyle Rote vs. Philadelphia, 11/29/53.
17 Ken Strong vs. Bears in 1934 Championship.

Most Touchdowns, Career

29 Bill Paschal, 5 years	Most Field Goals, Career
26 Gene Roberts, 4 years	36 Ken Strong, 8 years
25 Dale Burnett, 8 years	33 Ward Cuff, 9 years
23 Frank Liebel, 6 years	Most Field Goals, One Season
	12 Ray Poole, 1951
	10 Ray Poole, 1952
	8 Ben Agajanian, 1949
	7 Ward Cuff, 1939
	6 Ken Strong, 1944

Most Extra Points, Career

147 Ken Strong, 9 years
100 Ward Cuff, 9 years

Most Consecutive Extra Points

60 Ken Strong, 1945-6-7

BALL CARRYING

Most Yards Gained, Career

3,117 Tuffy Leemans, 1936-43
2,628 Eddie Price, 1950-53
2,027 Kink Richards, 1933-39

Most Yards Gained, One Year

971 Eddie Price, 1951
(271 attempts, 3.6 yard ave.)
830 Tuffy Leemans, 1936
(206 attempts, 4 yard ave.)
748 Eddie Price, 1952
(183 attempts, 4.1 yard ave.)

Most Yards Gained, One Game

218 Gene Roberts vs. Cards, 11/12/50

Most Field Goals, Career

36 Ken Strong, 8 years
33 Ward Cuff, 9 years
Most Field Goals, One Season
12 Ray Poole, 1951
10 Ray Poole, 1952
8 Ben Agajanian, 1949
7 Ward Cuff, 1939
6 Ken Strong, 1944

Most Field Goals, One Game

3 Ray Poole
2 Ken Strong, Ward Cuff

Longest Field Goal

47 yards, Ken Strong, 1934

Most Attempts, Career

926 Tuffy Leemans
Most Attempts, One Year
271 Eddie Price, 1951
206 Tuffy Leemans, 1936
196 Bill Paschal, 1944

Most Attempts, One Game

39 Harry Newman vs. Green Bay, 11/11/34

Longest run from scrimmage

91 yards, Hap Moran vs. Green Bay, 11/5/30
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Giants' All Time Records (Cont.)

FORWARD PASSING

Most Passes Completed, Career

688 Charley Conerly, 6 years (1948-1953)
315 Ed Danowski, 7 years (1934-39, 1941)

Most Passes Completed, One Year

162 Charley Conerly, 1949

Most Passes Completed, One Game

36 Charley Conerly, vs. Pitts., 12/5/48

Most Passes Attempted, One Year

305 Charley Conerly, 1949
303 Charley Conerly, 1953

Most Passes Attempted, One Game

53 Charley Conerly, vs. Pitts., 12/5/48

Most Yards Gained Passing, Career

9,391 Charley Conerly, 5 years (1948-52)
3,818 Ed Danowski, 7 years (1934-41)

Most Yards Gained Passing, One Year

2,175 Charley Conerly, 1948

Most Yards Gained Passing, One Game

363 Charley Conerly vs. Pittsburgh, 12/5/48

Most Touchdown Passes, Career

83 Charley Conerly, 5 years (1948-52)
42 Ed Danowski, 7 years (1934-41)

Most Touchdown Passes, One Game

4 Charley Conerly vs. Bears, 10/23/49; vs. Green Bay, 11/13/49; vs. Cleveland, 12/14/52
Ed Danowski vs. Green Bay, 11/14/35; Arnie Herber vs. Philadelphia, 12/2/45; Paul Governali vs. Philadelphia, 11/9/47

Longest Gain on Pass

88 yards Frank Reagan vs. Philadelphia, 10/5/47
85 yards Charley Conerly vs. Bears, 10/23/49

Best Passing Efficiency (500 or more attempts)

49.3% Charley Conerly (688 out of 1397)
48.8% Ed Danowski (315 out of 648)

Best Passing Efficiency, One Year

54.2% Ed Danowski, 1938; Charley Conerly, 1948
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PASS RECEPTION

Most Passes Caught, Career

106 Bill Swiacki, 3 years (1948-50)
86 Dale Burnett, 10 years (1930-39)

Most Passes Caught, One Year

47 Bill Swiacki, 1949 (also 39 in 1948)
35 Gene Roberts, 1949; Ray Poole, 1948

Giants' All Time Records (Cont.)

Most Passes Caught, One Game
9 Ray Poole vs. Pittsburgh, 12/5/48; vs. N. Y. Bulldogs, 11/6/49; Bill Swiacki, vs. Detroit, 11/20/49

Most Touchdown Passes Caught, Career
20 Frank Liebel, 6 years
17 Bill Swiacki, 3 years

Most Touchdown Passes Caught, One Year
10 Frank Liebel, 1945; Bill Swiacki, 1948

Most Touchdown Passes Caught, One Game
3 Gene Roberts vs. Bears 10/23/49; vs. Green Bay, 11/13/49; Frank Liebel, vs. Philadelphia, 12/2/45

Most Yards on Passes Caught, Career
1,755 Frank Liebel, 6 Years
1,482 Bill Swiacki, 3 years
1,477 Ward Cuff, 9 years

Most Yards on Passes Caught, One Year
711 Gene Roberts, '49; 652, Bill Swiacki, '49; 593, Frank Liebel, '45

Most Yards on Passes Caught, One Game
212 Gene Roberts vs. Green Bay 11/13/49

Most Passes Intercepted, One Year
11 Otto Schnellbacher, 1951; 10, Emlen Tunnell, 1949

TEAM RECORD

World Champions—1927, 1934, 1938
Conference Champions—1933, 1934, 1935, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1946
Total Points—5,546 (29 years—1925 through 1953)
Total Points by Opponents—4,079
Most Points One Year—308 (1930—17 Games); 297 (1948—12 Games)
Most Opponents Points One Year—388 (1948)
Fewest Opponents Points One Year—20 (1927)
Most Points One Game—56 (Against Philadelphia Eagles 10/15/33)
Most Opponents Points One Game—63 (Chicago Cardinals 10/17/48; Pittsburgh Steelers 11/30/52)
Total First Downs—2,713 (1933-1953)
Most First Downs One Season—212 (1948)
Most First Downs One Game—31 (vs. Pittsburgh 12/5/48)
Fewest First Downs One Season—98 (1944)
Fewest First Downs One Game—0 (vs. Washington 9/26/42)
Most Touchdowns One Season—42 (1948)
Most Touchdowns One Game—8 vs. Philadelphia 10/15/33; 8 vs. Green Bay 11/21/48; vs. Baltimore Colts 11/19/50
Most yards gained one season—3,723 (1948)
Most yards gained passing one season—2,504 (1948)
Most yards gained rushing one season—2,336 (1950)
Most yards gained one game—625 (vs. N. Y. Yanks 12/3/50)
Most yards gained passing one game—363 (vs. Pittsburgh Steelers 12/5/48)
Most interceptions by, one season—41 (1951)
Most interceptions by, one game—8 (vs. Green Bay 11/21/48); 8 (vs. N. Y. Yanks 12/16/51)

All Time League Records

(League Divided in Two Conferences in 1933)

					Opp.						Opp.	
	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	Points		Won	Lost	Tied	Points	Points	
1925	8	4	0	110	65	1940	6	4	1	131	133	
1926	8	4	0	133	38	1941	8	3	0	238	114	
1927	11	1	1	172	20	1942	5	5	1	155	139	
1928	4	7	2	73	129	1943	6	3	1	197	170	
1929	12	1	1	298	77	1944	8	1	1	206	75	
1930	13	4	0	308	98	1945	3	6	1	179	198	
1931	6	6	1	133	90	1946	7	3	1	236	166	
1932	4	6	2	93	113	1947	2	8	2	190	309	
1933	11	3	0	244	101	1948	4	8	0	297	388	
1934	8	5	0	147	107	1949	6	6	0	287	298	
1935	9	3	0	179	96	1950	10	2	0	268	150	
1936	5	6	1	115	63	1951	9	2	1	254	161	
1937	6	3	2	128	109	1952	7	5	0	234	231	
1938	8	2	1	194	79	1953	3	9	0	179	277	
1939	9	1	1	168	85	TOT.	206	121	21	5546	4079	

1927—National Champions.

1933—Eastern Champions, beaten 23-21 by Bears in Chicago playoff.

1934—National League Champions, victors 30-13 over Bears in N.Y. playoff.

1935—Eastern Champions, beaten 26-7 by Lions in Detroit playoff.

1938—National League Champions, victors 23-17 over Green Bay in N.Y. playoff.

1939—Eastern Champions, beaten 27-0 by Green Bay in Milwaukee playoff.

1941—Eastern Champions, beaten 37-9 by Bears in Chicago playoff.

1944—Eastern Champions, beaten 14-7 by Packers in New York playoff.

1946—Eastern Champions, beaten 24-14 by Bears in New York playoff.

Giants' Records with Other Clubs

*League Championship **Conference Playoff (Home games preceded by h)

GIANTS vs. CHICAGO BEARS

Giants Won 13—Lost 20—Tied 1

1925—h Bears 19, Giants 7	1934—Bears 27, Giants 7
Giants 9, Bears 0	h Bears 10, Giants 9
1926—Bears 7, Giants 0	h *Giants 30, Bears 13
1927—h Giants 13, Bears 7	1935—h Bears 20, Giants 3
1928—Bears 13, Giants 0	Giants 3, Bears 0
1929—Giants 26, Bears 14	1936—h Bears 25, Giants 7
h Giants 34, Bears 0	1937—h Giants 3, Bears 3
Giants 14, Bears 9	1939—h Giants 16, Bears 13
1930—Giants 12, Bears 0	1940—h Bears 37, Giants 21
Bears 12, Giants 0	1941—*Bears 37, Giants 9
1931—Bears 6, Giants 0	1942—h Bears 26, Giants 7
h Bears 12, Giants 6	1943—h Bears 56, Giants 7
Giants 25, Bears 6	1946—h Bears 14, Bears 0
1932—h Bears 28, Giants 8	h *Giants 24, Giants 14
Bears 6, Giants 0	1948—Bears 35, Giants 14
1933—Bears 14, Giants 10	1949—h Giants 35, Bears 28
h Giants 3, Bears 0	
*Bears 23, Giants 21	

(Points—Giants 387; Bears 530)

Records with Other Clubs (Cont.)

GIANTS vs. CHICAGO CARDS

Giants Won 19—Lost 5

1926—h Giants 20, Cards 0	1946—h Giants 28, Cards 24
1927—h Giants 28, Cards 7	1947—h Giants 35, Cards 31
1929—h Giants 24, Cards 21	1948—h Cards 63, Giants 35
1930—h Giants 25, Cards 12	1949—Giants 41, Cards 38
Giants 13, Cards 7	1950—Cards 17, Giants 3
1935—h Cards 14, Giants 13	h Giants 51, Cards 21
1936—h Giants 14, Cards 6	1951—h Giants 28, Cards 17
1938—h Giants 6, Cards 0	Giants 10, Cards 0
1939—h Giants 17, Cards 7	1952—h Cards 24, Giants 23
1941—h Cards 10, Giants 7	Giants 28, Cards 6
1942—h Giants 21, Cards 7	1953—h Giants 21, Cards 7
1943—h Giants 24, Cards 13	Giants 23, Cards 20

(Points—Giants 538; Cardinals 372)

GIANTS vs. CLEVELAND BROWNS

Giants Won 4—Lost 5

1950—Giants 6, Cleveland 0	1952—Giants 17, Cleveland 9
h Giants 17, Cleveland 13	h Giants 37, Cleveland 34
*Cleveland 8, Giants 3	
1951—Cleveland 14, Giants 13	1953—h Cleveland 7, Giants 0
h Cleveland 10, Giants 0	Cleveland 62, Giants 14

(Points—Giants 107; Cleveland 157)

GIANTS vs. BALTIMORE COLTS

No Record

GIANTS vs. GREEN BAY PACKERS

Giants Won 13—Lost 14—Tied 2

1928—Giants 6, Packers 0	1937—h Giants 10, Packers 0
h Packers 7, Giants 0	1938—h Giants 15, Packers 3
1929—h Packers 20, Giants 6	h *Giants 23, Packers 17
1930—Packers 14, Giants 7	1939—*Packers 27, Giants 0
h Giants 13, Packers 6	1940—h Giants 7, Packers 3
1931—Packers 27, Giants 7	1942—h Giants 21, Packers 21
h Packers 14, Giants 10	1943—h Packers 35, Giants 21
1932—Packers 13, Giants 0	1944—h Giants 24, Packers 0
h Giants 6, Packers 0	h *Packers 14, Giants 7
1933—Giants 10, Packers 7	1945—h Packers 23, Giants 14
h Giants 17, Packers 6	1947—h Giants 24, Packers 24
1934—Packers 20, Giants 6	1948—Giants 49, Packers 3
h Giants 17, Packers 3	1949—Giants 30, Packers 10
1935—Packers 16, Giants 7	1952—h Packers 17, Giants 3
1936—h Packers 26, Giants 14	

(Points—Giants 374; Packers 376)

Records with Other Clubs (Cont.)

GIANTS vs. DETROIT LIONS

Giants Won 3—Lost 8—Tied 1

1934—Detroit 9, Giants 0	1941—h Giants 20, Detroit 13
1935—*Detroit 26, Giants 7	1943—Giants 0, Detroit 0
1936—h Giants 14, Detroit 7	1945—h Giants 35, Detroit 14
Detroit 38, Giants 0	1947—Detroit 35, Giants 7
1937—h Detroit 17, Giants 0	1949—h Detroit 45, Giants 21
1939—Detroit 18, Giants 14	1953—h Detroit 27, Giants 16

(Points—Giants 134; Detroit 249)

GIANTS vs. LOS ANGELES RAMS

(Cleveland until 1946)

Giants Won 2—Lost 6

1938—h Giants 28, Cleveland 0	1946—h Rams 31, Giants 21
1940—h Cleveland 13, Giants 0	1947—Rams 34, Giants 10
1941—h Giants 49, Cleveland 14	1948—h Rams 52, Giants 37
1945—h Cleveland 21, Giants 17	1953—Rams 21, Giants 7

(Points—Giants 94, Cleveland 48; Giants 75, Los Angeles Rams 138)

GIANTS vs. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Giants Won 25—Lost 14—Tied 1

1933—h Giants 56, Eagles 0	1944—h Eagles 24, Giants 17
Giants 20, Eagles 14	Giants 21, Eagles 21
1934—h Giants 17, Eagles 0	1945—Eagles 38, Giants 17
Eagles 6, Giants 0	h Giants 28, Eagles 21
1935—h Giants 10, Eagles 0	1946—Eagles 24, Giants 14
Giants 21, Eagles 14	h Giants 45, Eagles 17
1936—Eagles 10, Giants 7	1947—Eagles 23, Giants 0
h Giants 21, Eagles 17	h Eagles 41, Giants 24
1937—Giants 16, Eagles 7	1948—Eagles 45, Giants 0
h Giants 21, Eagles 0	h Eagles 35, Giants 14
1938—Eagles 14, Giants 10	1949—h Eagles 24, Giants 3
h Giants 17, Eagles 7	Eagles 17, Giants 3
1939—Giants 13, Eagles 3	1950—h Giants 7, Eagles 3
h Giants 27, Eagles 10	Giants 9, Eagles 7
1940—Giants 20, Eagles 14	1951—h Giants 26, Eagles 24
h Giants 17, Eagles 7	Giants 23, Eagles 7
1941—Giants 24, Eagles 0	1952—Giants 31, Eagles 7
h Giants 16, Eagles 0	h Eagles 14, Giants 10
1942—Giants 35, Eagles 17	1953—Eagles 30, Giants 7
h Giants 14, Eagles 0	h Giants 37, Eagles 28

(Points—Giants 718; Eagles 590)

Records with Other Clubs (Cont.)

GIANTS vs. PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Giants Won 20—Lost 14—Tied 2

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| 1933—Giants 23, Steelers 2 | 1945—Giants 34, Steelers 6 |
| h Giants 27, Steelers 3 | h Steelers 21, Giants 7 |
| 1934—Giants 14, Steelers 12 | 1946—Giants 17, Steelers 14 |
| h Giants 17, Steelers 7 | h Giants 7, Steelers 0 |
| 1935—Giants 42, Steelers 7 | 1947—h Steelers 38, Giants 21 |
| h Giants 13, Steelers 0 | Steelers 24, Giants 7 |
| 1936—Steelers 10, Giants 7 | 1948—h Giants 34, Steelers 27 |
| 1937—Giants 10, Steelers 7 | Steelers 38, Giants 28 |
| h Giants 17, Steelers 0 | 1949—Steelers 28, Giants 7 |
| 1938—Giants 27, Steelers 14 | h Steelers 21, Giants 17 |
| h Steelers 13, Giants 10 | 1950—Giants 18, Steelers 7 |
| 1939—Giants 14, Steelers 7 | h Steelers 17, Giants 6 |
| h Giants 23, Steelers 7 | 1951—Giants 13, Steelers 13 |
| 1940—Giants 10, Steelers 10 | h Giants 14, Steelers 0 |
| h Giants 12, Steelers 0 | 1952—Steelers 63, Giants 7 |
| 1941—Giants 37, Steelers 10 | 1953—Steelers 24, Giants 14 |
| h Giants 28, Steelers 7 | h Steelers 14, Giants 10 |
| 1942—Steelers 13, Giants 10 | |
| h Steelers 17, Giants 9 | |

(Points—Giants 611; Steelers 501)

GIANTS vs. SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

Giants Won 1—Lost 0—Tied 0

- 1952—h Giants 23, San Francisco 14

(Points—Giants 23; San Francisco 14)

GIANTS vs. WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Giants Won 19—Lost 15—Tied 1

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| 1937—Washington 13, Giants 3 | 1945—h Washington 24, Giants 14 |
| h Washington 49, Giants 14 | Washington 17, Giants 0 |
| 1938—Giants 10, Washington 7 | 1946—Washington 24, Giants 14 |
| h Giants 36, Washington 0 | h Giants 31, Washington 0 |
| 1939—Giants 0, Washington 0 | 1947—Washington 23, Giants 20 |
| h Giants 9, Washington 7 | h Giants 35, Washington 10 |
| 1940—Washington 21, Giants 7 | 1948—Washington 41, Giants 10 |
| h Washington 21, Washington 7 | h Washington 28, Giants 21 |
| 1941—Giants 17, Washington 10 | 1949—Giants 45, Washington 35 |
| h Giants 20, Washington 13 | h Giants 23, Washington 7 |
| 1942—Giants 14, Washington 7 | 1950—Giants 21, Washington 17 |
| h Washington 14, Giants 7 | h Giants 24, Washington 21 |
| 1943—Giants 14, Washington 10 | 1951—Giants 35, Washington 14 |
| h Giants 31, Washington 7 | h Giants 28, Washington 14 |
| h **Washington 28, Giants 0 | 1952—Giants 14, Washington 10 |
| 1944—h Giants 16, Washington 13 | h Washington 27, Giants 17 |
| Giants 31, Washington 0 | 1953—Washington 16, Giants 9 |
| | h Washington 24, Giants 21 |

(Points—Giants 632; Washington 563)

NFL One-Game Records

Whether you are looking at a game in the Polo Grounds, or via TV, or listening at the radio, this list will permit you to compare the feats of the day with the League's all-time single game records. HARRY NEWMAN, Giants, rushed most often 39 times in 1934. GENE ROBERTS, Giants gained most yards rushing 218 in 1950. CHARLEY CONERLY, Giants, completed most passes, 36, in '48. Other aerial records are most attempts, 60 by DAVEY O'BRIEN, Eagles, '40; most had intercepted, 8 by JIM HARDY, Cards, '50; most yards gained throwing, 554, by NORM VAN BROCKLIN, Los Angeles, '51; most touchdown passes, 7, by SID LUCKMAN, '43. Receiving records go this way: Most passes caught in a game, 18 by TOM FEARS, Los Angeles '50; most touchdown passes caught, 5, by BOB SHAW, Cards '50; most yards gained on catches, 303 by JIM BENTON, Cleveland Rams, '45. In scoring, ERNIE NEVERS, Cards, made the fantastic total of 40 points, including 6 touchdowns, also a record in '29. In '51, DUB JONES, Cleveland, equalled the 6 touchdown mark. PAT HARDER, Cards, kicked most points after touchdown, 9, in '48, a mark tied by BOB WATERFIELD, Los Angeles, in '50. Waterfield also kicked the most field goals, 5, in '51. Here are the longest plays of NFL History which are hard to beat: Longest run from scrimmage, 97 yards by ANDY URAM, Green Bay '39 and BOB GAGE, Pittsburgh '49; return of kickoff, 105 by FRANK SENO, Cards, '46; punt return 98 by GIL LEFEBVRE, Cincinnati, '33; return of interception 102 by J. R. SMITH, Detroit, '49; run with fumble 98 by GEORGE HALAS, Bears, '23; run with intercepted lateral, 93, by DICK POILLON, Washington, '48; completed pass, 99, from FRANK FILCHOCK to ANDY FARKAS, Washington, '38; field goal 56 by BERT RECHICHAR, Baltimore, '53; punt 94 by WILBUR HENRY, Canton, '23.

Now for the most important team records for a single game: Most yards gained, 735 by LOS ANGELES, '51; yards rushing, 426 by DETROIT, '34; yards passing, 554, by LOS ANGELES, '51; first downs, 34, by LOS ANGELES, '51; fumbles, 10, by PHIL PITT, '43; opponent fumbles recovered, 6 out of 6 by DETROIT, '40; touchdown passes, 7, by BEARS, '43; points scored, 70, by LOS ANGELES, '50; touchdowns, 10, by PHILADELPHIA, '34 and LOS ANGELES, '50; touchdowns rushing, 7, by BEARS, '41; touchdowns passing, 7, by BEARS, '43; points after touchdown, 10, by LOS ANGELES, '50; field goals, 5, by LOS ANGELES, '51; penalties, 22, by BROOKLYN, '44 and BEARS, '44; yards penalized, 209, by CLEVELAND, '51; passes completed, 36, by GIANTS, '48; passes attempted, 60, by PHILADELPHIA, '40.

National Football League 1954 Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

Chi. Bears at Detroit
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Baltimore
NEW YORK AT CHI. CARDINALS
Pittsburgh at Green Bay
Washington at San Francisco

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 (NIGHT)

NEW YORK AT BALTIMORE
Washington at Pittsburgh

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Chi. Bears at Green Bay
Detroit at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Chi. Cardinals
San Francisco at Los Angeles

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 (NIGHT)

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Baltimore at Chi. Bears
Chi. Cardinals at Cleveland
Los Angeles at Detroit
NEW YORK AT WASHINGTON
San Francisco vs. G. B. at Milwaukee

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 (NIGHT)

Baltimore at Detroit

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

CHI. CARDINALS AT NEW YORK
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Los Angeles vs. G. B. at Milwaukee
Philadelphia at Washington
San Francisco at Chi. Bears

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 (NIGHT)

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Chi. Bears at Los Angeles
Cleveland at Chi. Cardinals
Detroit at San Francisco
Green Bay at Baltimore
WASHINGTON AT NEW YORK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 (NIGHT)

Green Bay at Philadelphia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Baltimore at Washington
Chi. Bears at San Francisco
Detroit at Los Angeles
NEW YORK AT CLEVELAND
Pittsburgh at Chi. Cardinals

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 (NIGHT)

Detroit at Baltimore

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Chi. Cardinals at Philadelphia
Green Bay at Chi. Bears
Los Angeles at San Francisco
NEW YORK AT PITTSBURGH
Washington at Cleveland

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (NIGHT)

Baltimore vs G. B. at Milwaukee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Chi. Cardinals at Los Angeles
Cleveland at Chi. Bears
PHILADELPHIA AT NEW YORK
Pittsburgh at Washington
San Francisco at Detroit

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (NIGHT)

San Francisco at Pittsburgh

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Chi. Bears at Baltimore
Detroit at Green Bay
LOS ANGELES AT NEW YORK
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Washington at Chi. Cardinals

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Green Bay at Detroit

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Chi. Cardinals at Pittsburgh
CLEVELAND AT NEW YORK
Los Angeles at Chi. Bears
San Francisco at Baltimore
Washington at Philadelphia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Baltimore at Los Angeles

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Chi. Bears at Chi. Cardinals
Cleveland at Washington
Green Bay at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Detroit
PITTSBURGH AT NEW YORK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Baltimore at San Francisco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Chi. Cardinals at Washington
Detroit at Chi. Bears
Green Bay at Los Angeles
NEW YORK AT PHILADELPHIA
Pittsburgh at Cleveland

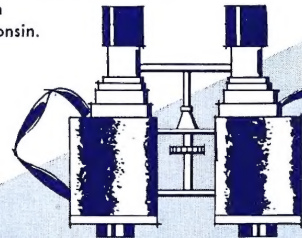
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